Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace the claims that were published in the PCT Application and the International Preliminary Examination Report:

1. (currently amended) A module ~~(6)~~ for integration in a home network ~~(1)~~ with individual devices which are connected to one another and communicate among one another via one or more protocols defined for the home network ~~(1)~~, the home network ~~(1)~~ having at least one connecting device ~~(5)~~ which allows communication with an external network ~~(10)~~, the module ~~(6)~~ being able to receive data and/or metadata describing the content of the data available at providers ~~(11, 12)~~ in the external network ~~(10)~~ and to make them available to the devices ~~(2, 3, 4)~~ of the home network ~~(1), characterized in that~~ wherein the module ~~(6)~~ has one or more search units ~~(7)~~ for searching for the availability of specific data at the providers ~~(11, 12)~~ in the external network ~~(10)~~.

2. (currently amended) The module ~~(6)~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein it has a format converter ~~(8)~~, which converts the data of the external network ~~(10)~~ into a format which corresponds to one of the formats which are defined for the exchange of data in the home network ~~(1)~~ and are readable for the devices ~~(2, 3, 4)~~ in the home network ~~(1)~~.

3. (currently amended) The module ~~(6)~~ as claimed in claim 2, wherein the format converter ~~(8)~~ converts data in a format which corresponds to one of the formats which are defined for the exchange of data in the home network ~~(1)~~ and are readable for the devices ~~(2, 3, 4)~~ in the home network ~~(1)~~ into a format used in the external network ~~(10)~~.

4. (currently amended) The module ~~(6)~~ as claimed in ~~one of claims 1-3~~ claim 1, wherein the search unit ~~(7)~~ and/or the format converter ~~(8)~~ can be updated.

5. (currently amended) The module ~~(6)~~ as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the module ~~(6)~~ communicates with the other devices ~~(2, 3, 4)~~ of the home network ~~(1)~~ by means of one of the protocols defined for the home network ~~(1)~~.

6. (currently amended) The module ~~(6)~~ as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein it converts control data from a protocol defined for the home network ~~(1)~~ into a protocol used by the external network ~~(10)~~ or by a provider ~~(11, 12)~~ of data.

7. (currently amended) The module ~~(6)~~ as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein it has a memory ~~(9)~~, which stores the received data and/or the data converted into the format defined for the home network ~~(1)~~.

8. (currently amended) The module ~~(6)~~ as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the external network (10) is the Internet.

9. (currently amended) The module ~~(6)~~ as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the data from the external network ~~(10)~~ are text, audio and/or video data.

10. (currently amended) The module ~~(6)~~ as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein it communicates with the devices ~~(2, 3, 4)~~ of the home network ~~(1)~~ via a data bus.

11. (currently amended) The module ~~(6)~~ as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein it is integrated into the connecting device ~~(5)~~.

12. (currently amended) The module ~~(6)~~ as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein it is able to receive and process inquiries from the external network ~~(10)~~ and send data from the home network ~~(1)~~ into the external network ~~(10)~~.